LISTING AND AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

75. (Previously presented) A transformer comprising:

      a converter including an input for receiving format-unspecified media content said converter automatically and separately providing:

      at least one media block comprising a portion of said media content and

      a description of said portion of media content, wherein said description does not include a storage address for said media block;

      a storage managing unit coupled to said converter to receive said at least one media block and said description, said storage managing unit storing said at least one media block in a first memory said storage managing unit storing said description in a second memory;

      a translator configured to relate said stored media block to said stored description,

      said transformer thereby enabling random retrieval of a plurality of stored media blocks in response to receiving a single request comprising said description from a requestor when said request does not include a storage address for said description and does not include a storage address for retrieved ones of said plurality of stored media blocks.

76. (Currently amended) The transformer of claim 75 wherein said converter input is coupled to at least one encoder selected from the group comprising: MPEG, AVI, andDIVX said transformer enabling retrieval of media content blocks based on said ~~associated media content identifier~~ description regardless of selected encoder.

77. (Currently amended) the transformer of claim 75 wherein said ~~media content identifier~~ description comprises at least one of program name, program start time, program end time, channel, duration, and key word.

78. (Previously presented) The transformer of claim 75 wherein at least one of said portions of media content comprises a single frame of said media content and wherein said single fram is retrievable from storage based on said description.